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POSITION STATEMENT: REPLACEMENT OF SUPRAPUBIC CATHETER

The Board of Nursing deems the replacement of a Suprapubic Catheter within the scope of Professional and Practical nursing. The procedure is recognized as an advanced procedure requiring specialized knowledge, judgement and skill derived from the principles of biological, physical, and behavioral sciences. It is intended that the replacement of a Suprapubic Catheter be done only under the following conditions and fulfillment of all prerequisites.

Conditions:

1. Replacement can only occur into a healed well established open pathway.
2. Replacement catheter can only be a balloon-type indwelling catheter.
3. Size of replacement catheter and balloon is specified in physician's order.

Prerequisites:

1. Documentation of inservicing by a qualified individual who has demonstrated competence in the procedure in current practice.
2. Return demonstration X 3 in presence of qualified individual.
3. Awareness of potential complications.
4. Demonstration of plan of action to correct complications.